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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 March 2005.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-11 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 6-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 4,5 and 9-11 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 22 December 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1-11 are objected to because of the following informalities: Claim 1 lines 14-15 recites "being operative independently of said other bias *mechanisms*." [Emphasis added.] Maybe the applicant meant, "being operative independently of said other bias mechanism." Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

3. Claims 1-3 and 6-8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Mori et al. (US 6,682,239). As illustrated in Figures 8 and 9A-9D, Mori et al. teaches the claimed structure. Figure 8 shows a roller assembly, comprising a platen roller 100 including a central axle being exposed at opposite ends (generally indicated at 102) of said platen roller, and a frame 50 for mounting said platen 100 at both exposed axle ends. Figure 8 shows the frame including a main body (portion of frame with head 70), a plurality of fork structures (55, 56) adapted for mounting each exposed axle end. Figures 9A-9D shows and column 9 lines 22-25 teach the

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structure where each fork structure is adapted to constrain a respective axle end from moving away from said frame. Figures 4 and 8 show a plurality of bias mechanisms (83, 84), each bias mechanism being operative independently of the other bias mechanism and each said bias mechanism being cooperatively associated with one of the fork structures and being adapted to push the respective axle end away from the main frame (portion or frame with head 70) and against said fork structure in a direction X1. (See Figure 9D). The applicant should note that the claim language does not require each bias mechanism to be associated with only one fork structure.

With respect to claim 2, and the requirement for each bias member to allow movement of a respective axle end towards the main body of the frame and against the bias mechanism, Figures 9A-9D show the allowance for movement against the bias mechanism and towards the frame.

With respect to claim 3, column 9 lines 20-22, and Figure 8 shows each axle with a bearing (102, 103). Column 9 lines 20-25 teach that each fork structure is adapted to retain the bearings. Figures 9A-9D shows the structure allowing movement of the bearing directly towards the main body of the frame.

With respect to claim 6, the stable locking arrangement illustrated in Figure 8 and outlined in column 9 lines 20-25, is adapted to constrain the bearings from lateral movement with respect to the frame.

With respect to claim 7, Figures 8 and 9A-9D shows each said fork structure having a pair of members extending from said frame and adapted to extend around opposite sides of a said bearing, similar to the structure taught by the applicant.

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With respect to claim 8, Figures 8 and 9A-9D show each pair of members of said fork structure is separated by a first space having a sufficient size to allow a said bearing to pass axially therethrough.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claim 4 is indicated as having allowable subject matter because the prior art of record does not teach or render obvious the total combination claimed, wherein said bias mechanism comprises a bearing retainer which is biased away from said main body of said frame by said bias mechanism and adapted to engage said bearing.

Response to Amendment/Arguments

5. Applicant's amendments and arguments filed March 7, 2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. Consequently, the examiner has maintained his rejection of claims 1-3 and 6-8. As stated in the rejection statement, Figures 4 and 8 of Mori et al. show a plurality of bias mechanisms (83, 84), each bias mechanism being operative independently of the other bias mechanism and each said bias mechanism being cooperatively associated with one of the fork structures and being adapted to push the respective axle end away from the main frame (portion or frame with head 70) and against said fork structure in a direction X1. (See Figure

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9D). Furthermore, the applicant should note that the claim language does not require each bias mechanism to be associated with *only* one fork structure.

Conclusion

6. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.


7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dave A. Ghatt whose telephone number is (571) 272-2165. The examiner can normally be reached on Mondays through Friday 8:00 AM to 5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Andrew H. Hirshfeld can be reached on (571) 272-2168. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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